



Santa Barbara City Fire Department

121 W. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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BURNING PERMIT CONDITIONS

1. A burn permit will only be issued for the designated premises as addressed on the burn permit.
2. The burn permit shall be issued to property owner or a designated agent for the property owner. The permittee shall comply with all fire laws, ordinances and regulations.
3. The permittee shall comply with all additional stipulations contained when the permit is issued by the Fire Department.
4. The issued burn permit must be suspended at all times of critical fire weather conditions, as declared by the Fire Department.
5. At all times during the burning operations as authorized by the burn permit there shall be a garden hose connected to a water supply that is turned on, or such items as stated in additional stipulations.
6. Burning operations authorized by the burn permit shall be confined within cleared fire breaks or barriers adequate to prevent it from escaping control.
7. Debris to be burned shall be regulated in size and number of piles by the Fire Department to insure proper control by the number of persons attending it.
8. Issuance of a burn permit does not relieve the permittee of any duty to use reasonable and ordinary care to prevent damage to the property of others or injury to persons, as prescribed by law.
9. Burn permits are not transferable or assignable and do not survive to the executor or administrator of a property.
10. No person shall kindle a fire on land of another without first obtaining the permission of the owner thereof or his agent and then obtain a burn permit from the Santa Barbara City Fire Department.
11. Burn permits are valid only for the piles of debris which were inspected and approved by the Fire Department.
12. Smoke from the pile burning shall not cause a nuisance in populated areas.
13. Only approved ignition devices may be used. Approved ignition devices are as follows: matches, road flares, propane lighters or torches, or drip torches.
14. Vegetation to be burned must reasonably free of dirt and visible moisture.

15. Vegetation to be burned shall be dried for a minimum period of time as follows:
 - a) Small trees and branches 1 to 4 inches in diameter – 4 weeks.
 - b) Pruning and small branches ¼ to 1 inch in diameter – 3 weeks.
16. Time limits as stipulated on the permit must be strictly adhered to.
17. Adequate provisions shall be made for the immediate extinguishment of the fire in the event it escapes the control area. All fires shall be thoroughly extinguished before being left by the permittee. The Fire Department may establish the minimum number and type of equipment and adults the permittee shall have in attendance during the burning operation.
18. No fires authorized under this permit shall be started or maintained at any time when the condition of the weather is such as to make it unsafe to burn, is a no-burn day, is likely to cause extensive air pollution, or cause a hazard to vehicular traffic flow.
19. All smoke complaints shall be referred to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution District for investigation @ 961-8800.
20. Burn permits shall only be issued within the City of Santa Barbara High Fire Hazard Area (see high fire hazard area on website).
21. Burn permits are only issued for vegetation that has been specifically cut for the purposes of fuel hazard reduction. This includes brush, shrubbery trimmings, tree limbs or clippings cut on the property. All vegetation to be burned must be less than 4 inches in diameter. The following materials are NOT to be burned: tires, rubbish, tar paper, plastic or construction debris.
22. Burning must be done from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. No new fuel may be added after 12:00 PM. The fire is to be DEAD OUT by 4:00 PM. No burning on Sundays or legal holidays.
23. Burn permit is valid only on a designated burn day by the California Air Resources Board. Permittee may call the Fire Department one day before burning, between the hours of 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM, to determine whether or not the following day is a burn day. The Santa Barbara City Fire Department phone number is 965-5254.
24. Burn permits are valid only on the burn site stipulated on the permit and must be available for inspection at the burn site.
25. Permittee shall notify the Fire Department prior to lighting the fire the morning of the burn. The Santa Barbara City Fire Department phone number to call is 965-5254.

This permit does not relieve the permittee from liability in the event the fire creates a nuisance or hazard. Permittee is financially responsible for damage resulting from such a fire set or maintained. This may include smoke and ash damage to remote properties, as well as fire or heat damage to adjacent properties. Any person who violates the provisions of these rules and regulations may be guilty of a misdemeanor, or may be guilty of an infraction and fined accordingly, and may be required to pay for the cost of putting out the fire.